City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: **66.**

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Public hearing on the Final Assessment Roll for the general maintenance of the Fremont Street Pedestrian Improvements. Costs will be recovered through annual assessments, which shall be paid each year in four (4) substantially equal quarterly installments of principal without interest.

RECOMMENDATION:

Public Hearing only; no action required.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

- 1. Public hearing notice
- 2. Submitted after final agenda Protest letter by John Kitchen

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

CHARLIE KAJKOWSKI, Director of Public Works Department, noted that this application is the companion to Special Improvement District (SID) 1506 and construction is underway; the project deals with the maintenance resources.

MAYOR GOODMAN informed JOHN KITCHEN, 515 Fremont Street, that the purpose of the meeting is to hear any public comments relative to the application. MR. KITCHEN believed the majority should rule but there should be a common ground to resolve the issues. He has had discussions with COUNCILMAN WEEKLY and has explored his legal options; however, he did not think the project would come into fruition. He felt that issues have not been resolved to date. He would like any forward progress on the project to be held so he can discuss these issues with a responsible Councilmember and continue to explore his legal options. MAYOR GOODMAN offered his assistance.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY pointed out that MR. KITCHEN is the only individual in

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opposition. Even with the numerous meetings held, the Councilman did not believe that MR. KITCHEN has offered anything substantial that would negate the proposal. With that, COUNCILMAN WEEKLY could not support holding the item in abeyance, whether or not MR. KITCHEN continued to pursue his legal options.

MR. KITCHEN appreciated the previous comments; even though he was not in full agreement, ultimately he felt that he would have to join the 30 individuals who are in support of the project.

FRANK ELAM, President of the owner's association, 115 N. 7th, was glad to see MR. KITCHEN join the supporters. He noted that the downtown businesses are doing well, such as George's and some of the clubs. By way of hands, MAYOR GOODMAN confirmed that there were seven representatives in attendance who support the project; he expressed appreciation for their attendance. MAYOR GOODMAN also noted that representatives from the Canyon Club were present seeking entitlements for their establishment.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

